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Applicant: Sheng-Ping Zhong

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Title: LAYERED SILICATE NANOPARTICLES FOR CONTROLLED DELIVERY OF  
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FROM MEDICAL ARTICLES

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 10, 2009, having a date for response of December 10, 2009. This Response is timely submitted.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Remarks.

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